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DXpedition News

OH DX Ring Members of the Finnish OH DX Ring will be making a big effort in the team competition in CQWW CW. OH0AM will be active M/M, Martti Lane OH2BH will be on as EA9AM, OH2BBM as FY5YE, OH2MM as PT7CB, OH2BQL as XF0L (Mexico City), and OH2KI as ZB2KI. The team "would appreciate your business."

Galapagos - HC8 Paul K1XM and Charlotte KQ1F will operate M/S as HC8A in CQWW CW, and /HC8 before the contest. They'll be on 160-40 starting Nov. 26. QSL home calls.

Aruba - P4 John Crovelli W2GD is shooting for a top all-band CQWW CW score as P40GD. He'll be on Nov. 24-Dec. 3 as well. Look for John on the hour on 10 meters during daylight, and on 160 from 02-1600Z. Speaking of Aruba, the DXAC vote on separate country status was an 8-8 tie, which means no-go. Maybe they can try again in 10 years.

South Shetlands - 3G9 The Chilean DXpedition to the South Shetlands has been postponed, due to excessive snow on the runway. They expect to activate 3G9BSQ in late November or early December. (See I361.)

South Shetlands - CX0 The Uruguay DX Group will operate CX0XY from Rey Jorge Island in early February (exact dates depend on Air Force transportation.) QSL to CX2CS.

Yasme The Colvins report that the reason they couldn't get on the air from 3B8 was that they were suspected of wanting the radio license to help smuggle drugs. They made 6000 QSOs in 160 countries from Reunion. Their next stop is **Mayotte** - FH. Look for FH/W6KG for the next month, including CQWW CW. **Comoros** D68 and **Seychelles** S79 are the next planned stops.

Mauritania - 5T5 DXNL says DL1VJ will be in 5T5 Nov. 20-Dec. 4. He'll operate with his own call or guest-operate 5T5SL on CW. QSL home call.

and DL1RK/5B4 Nov. 16-Dec. 5, and K7NHW/VP2V Dec. 2-8.

Shortly Noted

- **Correction** ZD9CK is now on Gough Island (AF-30); ZD9CL is the one that left. The other information in I362 is correct.
- **Western Kiribati** - T30 The mainstay of Tarawa DX, Alan T30AT is returning to VK6 at the end of the year. Catch Alan on 40 CW while you can. QSL to G4GED.
- **French Antarctica** - FT8 Three operations are due on now, but nothing heard yet: FT8WA from Crozet by F6GBQ, FT8ZA on Amsterdam by F6GWO, and FT8XD on Kerguelen. QSL all to F6FNU, who insists on one envelope per QSO, or via F bureau..
- 8Q7CH is now on 80 meters. Try 3790 around 14-1430Z. QSL SM5DQC.
- **Franz Josef Land** UV100 looks for North American contacts on 3501 from 03-0400Z.
- **Somali** - T5 T50DX showed on 21205 Nov. 6 at 1500Z. Name George, QSL to I2JSF. ???
- **Egypt** - SU SU1SX has been on 3509 at 2200Z recently. QSL via JH1DUY (not in '86 Callbook.) This might be JF1IST, who's in that neck of the woods.
- **160 Meters** KG4XO has been on 1833-35 0045-0500Z, esp. 02-0300Z. YN3EO has been on 1803 and 1835 04-0500Z. WB0NAA/YN1 likes 1820 at 0200. 7J1ACH transmits on 1911, listens 1830-35, around 1230Z.
- **Thailand** - HS HS4AMS has been on 14226 at 2330. HS0A will be on for CQWW CW.
- **Algeria** - 7X 7X2LS joins Jim Smith's VK9NS net on 14220 at 0600Z. QSL Sadek to Box 84, Bouzerea, 16340, Algeria.
- **Mellish Reef** - VK0MW VK9NS says K4ADN will be on Mellish next year. Details soon.
- **South Cooks** - ZK1 W7TB moves to South Cooks after a few days as ZK2TB. Look for ZK1XU until the end of the month. Then 3D2TB Dec. 2-8. TNX Inside DX.
- **Prefixes** Liberian hams are sporting a special A8 prefix now, and Dominican amateurs are using J78 to celebrate their eighth year of independence.
- **CQWW CW**: FV6NDV on 40, KP4BZ M/S.

— Chod Harris VP2ML Editor

PROPAGATION

Forecast and Historical Data

Day November	Forecast	27 Days Before			54 Days Before				
		Date	Flux	A	K	Date	Flux	A	K
21	Above Nor	10/25	96	02/05	1	9/28	70	11/18	2
22	High Nor	10/26	95	03/07	0	9/29	71	11/17	2
23	Disturbed	10/27	96	15/31	4	9/30	71	07/18	3
24	High Nor	10/28	95	11/13	2	10/1	71	10/12	3
25	Low Hor	10/29	93	15/21	3	10/2	72	18/33	4
26	Low Nor	10/30	91	12/20	2	10/3	72	12/16	1
27	High Nor	10/31	91	07/12	2	10/4	71	05/11	2
28	Low Nor	11/1	91	13/17	2	10/5	71	11/24	2
29	High Nor	11/2	86	05/07	2	10/6	73	13/20	2
30	High Nor	11/3	82	05/16	2	10/7	74	06/--	1

Thanks N4XX and KH6BZF.

Propagation Watch

The sun is rotating around to the same position that gave us such great band conditions last month, including CQWW SSB. Last month we went from a forecast of horrible conditions to some of the best propagation in years. The sun can reverse itself in the opposite direction this month, but the good money is on a repeat of the late-October fireworks.

Keep an ear out for WWV's solar figures, and watch 10, 12, and 15 meters. If the absorption is low, check the lower bands as well. 160 meters has been very good this past month (see bandpass.)

The forecast for CQWW CW is pretty good (let's hope we're not as far off base on this one as we were for the SSB forecast!) The CW contest is 5 weeks after the SSB test, so we won't have a repeat of those spectacular conditions, but early-November was also kind to DXers. There is a chance that a solar storm might disturb the bands on Sunday; don't pass up any long-haul multipliers on Saturday.

One DXer (obviously rather new to the activity) really enjoyed DXing in CQWW SSB: "After seeing the list of countries to be active, I made plans to operate the contest, and I worked 47 new ones! Thanks for the suggestion to enter the contest." Don't pass up the opportunities to work new ones in CQWW CW.

QSL Help Wanted

- **VK9MR** for KD7KK. VK2MU does not respond.
- **KZ5AA** 1977 160 meters for W6DAO.
- QSL Help Offered**
- **KM6BI**: try Box 20, Midway, FPO San Francisco CA 96614.
- **VP2LD**: was via W4CKD, now W4ZD.
- **KC6BK** was Stanley Kohn. Can anyone provide an up-to-date address?
- **WA1ARF/KS4** was Bob Fuller Jr. QSL via WA6MWG or WA6OET.
- **KA4EIN/TI4** is George Hall, Box 271, Heredia, Costa Rica. Don't put callsign on envelope.
- and **3CDA** cards are arriving!

Madison Electronics Specials for TDXB readers

Coaxial Cable:

Belden 9913	\$0.39/foot
Belden 8214 RG8 Foam	0.31/foot
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(100 foot multiples only)	

Connectors:

Amphenol PL259-831SP	\$1.00 each
Amphenol 8261 N Male	3.00 each
Fox 9913 Type-N Male	3.00 each
KLM Products: Cost + 10%	

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NEW COUNTRY NEWS

Vienna International Centre - 4U1VIC

[The question of separate DXCC country status for 4U1VIC has been argued for more than 4 years. In about a dozen votes on the question, 4U1VIC never received more than 4 votes of 16-member DXAC. Nevertheless the Vienna International Amateur Radio Club continues the quest for separate status, with the following letter to ARRL Directors and Vice Directors. -ed.]

Dear Mr. Director:

...The amateur radio stations in two of the three major UN centers (4U1ITU and 4U1UN) are separate DXCC countries while one station (4U1VIC) is not.

I realize that the ARRL Board of Directors is the policy making body of the League and, as such, is reluctant to interfere with the procedures of the advisory committees. However, John Parrott W4FRU, Chairman of the DXAC, recognized that the DXCC status of 4U1VIC is still an open issue in his semi-annual DXAC report to the Board on 23 June 1986 and asked the Board to resolve this matter. Therefore, I am requesting your consideration of DXCC separate country status for 4U1VIC since it is still an open issue and also with special reference to the 25-26 October 1984 Board meeting.

In Minute 68 of that meeting a resolution was unanimously adopted that instructed the ARRL General Manager to prepare a briefing paper on the status of the Vienna International Centre, since the circumstances surrounding previous considerations of DXCC status for the United Nations entities had been complex and did not provide a clear precedent. In addition, the resolution instructed the DXAC to reconsider the 4U1VIC question in light of the facts set forth in the briefing paper.

The briefing paper which describes the legal status of the Vienna International Centre was prepared by Mr. Dale Clift, an ARRL legal advisor. It establishes the precedent that, with respect to the international legal status of the territory controlled by the VIC, the consideration for DXCC status should be dominated by "exercise of internationally-recognized legal authority over postal and electronic communications." The paper concluded two things: that DXCC criterion 1, "Government," does permit the recognition of 4U1VIC as a separate country and that it could not be excluded under rule 5(b), "Embassies, consulates and extra-territorial monuments," however, rule 5(b) could be changed to exclude such stations in the future.

The DXAC chose to follow only the latter conclusion in the briefing paper. Specifically, rule 5(b) was changed to exclude 4U1VIC from separate country recognition. The fact that the DXAC chose to change rule 5(b) is further evidence that 4U1VIC met the separate country criteria before the change was made. The Vienna International Amateur Radio Club strongly believes that the ARRL should implement all of the conclusions reached in the paper and treat the stations of the major UN centers in a fair manner. This is a matter of simple equity and fair play for which the League has always been known.

...Based on the facts already established in the ARRL briefing paper, I request your consideration and support in this matter with the expectation that the situation will be resolved once and for all, fairly and equally in the true sense of "ham spirit."

(s) Richard N. Olsen K7AWD President

Vienna International Amateur Radio Club
PS: Enclosed are several The DX Bulletin articles that argue in favor of separate DXCC status.

BANDPASS

Reports Wanted, Especially RTTY, 30 meters

Key to Bandpass: Callsign, frequency, UTC, day of month, state. * = long path, P = Packet. All 'portable' calls are listed with country of operation first, regardless of format used on the air.

	Antarctica				10 MTRS			
FP5HL	14221	2139	9 GA	LU2DF	28519	2244	4	MO
FR/W6QL	14002	1530	7 CA	ZP5LOY	28525	2239	4	MO
GD5UG	14226	1640	6 OR	ZS4S	28522	1310	31	FL
JW5E	14007	1426	8 IL	ZS6MK	28522	1318	31	FL

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CALENDAR

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(Changes and hot info in boldface)

Amsterdam - FT8ZA Now? I363

Antarctica FT8YA 7006 at 1130-1230Z

Aruba - P4 P4GD Nov. 24-Dec. 3 I363

Chagos - VQ9 VQ9QM 7002 1400Z, 14026

Comoros - D68 VQ9GB 7001 at 1300Z

Crozet - FT8W Colvins from mid-Dec.

E. Carolines KC6 FT8WA now? I363

Franz Josef by KX6DS Nov 23-30 I353

Galapagos - HC8 UV100 3501 03-0400Z

Gibraltar - ZB ZB2EO 21030 17-1900Z I361

Gough Is. - ZD9 ZB2BU by OH2KI CQWW CW

Guantanamo KG ZD9CL now there I362,3

Hong Kong - VS6 KG4XO 1834 02-0300Z I363

NN7S/V86 CQWW CW I362

India - VU 0130-0230 20/40M + 1200Z

Kermadec - ZL8 ZL8HV now there I361

Kampuchea - XU XU1SS 14025 11-1200Z,

14180 at 1200Z Sundays

Kerguelen - FT8X FT8XD Now? I363

Lebanon - OD OD5SM 20 SSB 1600Z

Macao - XX9 XX9XX Dec 2-10 I362

Macquarie - VK0 VK0SJ 0300Z Sun at 14285

Malawi - 7Q 7Q7LW leaving soon

14285 at 1730Z Fri. I361

Maldives - 8Q7 8Q7CH 14004 at 1700Z

Mali - TZ TZ6WC 14227 at 2300Z

Marshall - KX6 KX6DS at 7006 after 0930Z

Mauritania 5T 5T5SL now-Dec. 4 I363

Mauritius - 3B8 3B8CF 7025 at 0130Z I362

Mayotte - PH FH/W6KG now-mid Dec. I363

Minami Tori. JD 7J1ACH 1911 1230Z I356

Mongolia - JT JT1BG 1600Z F/S 20M I348

Montserrat VP2M VP2MU MM CQWW CW I361,2

Nigeria - 5N YU3KI/5N0 7001 at 1100Z

Ogasawara - JD JA4GXS/JD1 CQWW CW

Reunion - FR FR4ZD 7003 at 0300

South Cooks ZK

So. Shetlands

Spratly - 1S

Sudan - ST

Tanzania - 5H

Thailand - HS

Tristan - ZD9

Turks Caicos

Vienna - 4U1VIC

Virgin Is. - KP2

Wake Is. - KH9

W. Kiribati T30

Zaire - 9Q5

Zimbabwe - Z2

Zone 2

ZK1XU thru Nov. I363

HF0POL 14222 after 1900Z

3G9BSQ soon I363

CX0XY early Feb. I363

Spring trip being planned

ON7IP/ST2 to Nov. 30 I356

5H3ZO 14028 19-2200Z

also 5H3ZR 7002 1500Z

5H3RB 15 SSB 1900Z I361

HS0A CQWW CW HS4AMS now

ZD9BV Now I354

VP5X CQWW CW MS

14025-30 1130-1200Z

N6DX/KP2 CQWW CW

KH9AC 14309 0330Z

also on 40. See I352

3860+ at 10-1400Z

T30AT leaving soon I363

9Q5NW soon I360

Z23JO 7005 at 0400Z

VE2LJ CQWW CW I361

Contests and DX Events

CQWW CW Nov. 29-30

ARRL 160 Meter CW Dec. 5-7

ARRL 10 Meter Dec. 13-14

CQWW 160 Meter CW Jan 23-25

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